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(Jackson) – Residents of Lauderdale and the contiguous counties of Clarke, Jasper, Kemper, Neshoba, and Newton whose property was damaged by the December 16<sup>th</sup> severe storms have three days left to apply of a Small Business Administration loan, according to Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) officials.

"In my experience, even people whose damage was covered by their homeowners policy frequently need some extra financial help to cover the cost of repairs," said MEMA Director Robert Latham. "It is a good idea to submit a SBA application if you believe you'll need the financial help. You are not obligated to take the loan once it is approved. This simply gives the property owner another resource available to them."

Applications and program information will remain available by calling the SBA help line at 1-800-359-2227. These telephones are answered Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The application deadline for physical loss loans is February 23, 2001. The application deadline for economic injury loans remains September 24, 2001.

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